

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 19 through 23 as follows:

1 - 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A display control apparatus generating electronic program guide images ~~in with a matrix format with area defined by broadcasting time and channel and displaying a generated electronic program guide image to a display unit, said display control apparatus comprising:~~

an information acquisition unit configured to acquire program information associated with each of programs to be broadcasted;

a controlling unit configured to generate first and second electronic program guide images using acquired program information, wherein each electronic program guide image comprises ~~program information display areas in the matrix format based on broadcasting time and channel of programs is arranged as program information display areas for displaying program information of a respective plurality of programs corresponding to broadcasting time and channel in the matrix format area,~~ and wherein ~~the program information display areas of~~ the first electronic program guide image ~~displays display~~ program ~~name~~ information corresponding to programs of longer than a predetermined duration and ~~does do~~ not display program ~~name~~ information corresponding to programs of less than or equal to the predetermined duration, and ~~the program information display areas of~~ the second electronic program guide image ~~displays display~~ program ~~name~~ information corresponding to programs of longer than a predetermined duration and also ~~displays display~~ program ~~name~~ information corresponding to programs all

programs, of less than or equal to the predetermined duration, which are included in the matrix format area;

an input unit configured to accept instruction input from a user for selecting which of the first electronic program guide image and the second electronic program guide image is to be displayed; and

a display control unit configured to display either the first or the second electronic program guide image according to the instruction input.

20. (Currently Amended) A display control apparatus according to Claim 19, wherein said controlling unit generates the first electronic program guide image which displays the program information display area corresponding to a program of less than or equal to the predetermined duration as a colored area such that existence of a program can be recognized.

21. (Currently Amended) A display control apparatus according to Claim 19, further comprising:

an operating unit configured to accept selection of a program placed on a program information display area in a displayed electronic program guide image ~~in matrix format~~ from the user,

wherein said controlling unit controls movement of a cursor, which indicates the currently selected program, among programs of less than or equal to the predetermined duration when the second electronic program guide image is displayed on the display unit.

22. (Currently Amended) A display control method of a display control apparatus generating electronic program guide images in with a matrix format with area defined by broadcasting time and channel and displaying a generated electronic program guide image to a display unit, said method comprising the steps of:

acquiring program information associated with each of programs to be broadcasted;

controlling first and second electronic program guide images using acquired program information, wherein each electronic program guide image ~~comprises program information~~ display areas in the matrix format based on broadcasting time and channel of programs ~~is arranged as program information display areas for displaying program information of a respective plurality of programs corresponding to broadcasting time and channel in the matrix~~, and wherein ~~the program information display areas of~~ the first electronic program guide image ~~displays~~ display program name information corresponding to programs of longer than a predetermined duration and ~~does do~~ not display program name information corresponding to programs of less than or equal to the predetermined duration, and ~~the program information display areas of~~ the second electronic program guide image ~~displays~~ display program name information corresponding to programs of longer than a predetermined duration and also ~~displays~~ display program name information corresponding to ~~programs all programs~~, of less than or equal to the predetermined duration, which are included in the matrix format area;

an inputting step of accepting instruction input from a user for selecting which of the first electronic program guide image and the second electronic program guide image is to be displayed; and

a display control step of displaying either the first or the second electronic program guide image according to the instruction input.

23. (Currently Amended) A display control method according to Claim 22, wherein said step of controlling generates the first electronic program guide image which displays the program information display area corresponding to a program of less than or equal to the predetermined duration as a colored area such that existence of a program can be recognized.

24. (Previously Presented) A display control method according to Claim 22, further comprising the step of:

accepting selection of a program placed on a program information display area in a displayed electronic program guide image from the user,

wherein said step of controlling controls movement of a cursor, which indicates the currently selected program, among programs of less than or equal to the predetermined duration when the second electronic program guide image is displayed.